Rubric for independent writing activity:

Using signal words in an appropriate order (O) +1

Including six events from their own life (E) +1

Your sentences makes sense and is free of grammatical errors (S) +1

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Colonial American Timeline

**1776**

**Declaration of Independence**

Second Continental Congress declared independence from Britain.

**1775**

**Battle of Bunker Hill**

British took the hill outside Boston but lost many more soldiers than the American defenders.

**1775**

**Lexington and Concord**

Paul Revere rode to warn the Sons of Liberty that British soldiers were marching to Lexington. The first shots were fired at Lexington and Minute Men forced the British to retreat to Boston after the battle at Concord.

**1773**

**Boston Tea Party**

Sons of Liberty dumped shipload of tea into the harbor.

**1770**

**Boston Massacre**

British troops fired on a crowd killing five. Troops withdrew to islands in the harbor to avoid more bloodshed.

**1767**

**Townshend Acts**

Parliament passed a tax on imports of glass, lead, paints, paper, and tea. Colonists organized and refused to import British goods.